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SUBJ: INTERIOR DEPARTMENT STUDY MISSION

1. THE MINING ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY ADMINISTRATION(MESA) US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WOULD LIKE TO SEND SEVEN(7) HIGH LEVEL MINING ENGINEERS AND PHYSICISTS TO TH FRG TO DISCUSS HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IN UNDERGROUND, LONGWALL COAL MINES AND TO VISIT LONGWALL SITES.

2. THE MESA GROUP WOULD BE HIGHLY TECHNICALLY ORIENTED. THEIR INTERESTS WILL BE IN (1) GROUND CONTROL, (2) VENTILATION, AND (3) DUST CONTROL TECHNOLOGY AND PRACTICES. MESA GROUP WILL WANT TO DISCUSS HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCDDURES IN ABOVE THREE AREAS WITH MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL LEVEL PERSONNEL, WITH INSPECTOR PERSONNEL, AND THOSE INVOLVED IN HEALTH AND SAFETY RESEARCH IN THE THREE AREAS OF INTEREST . SITE VISITS SHOULD INCLUDE 3-4 MINES HAVING LONGWALL FACES RANGING IN HEIGHT FROM LOW TO HIGH.

3. LONGWALL MINING, STANDARD TO FRG, NOW COMING INTO GREATER USE IN US TO MEET ENERGY DEMANDS. THIS INCLUDES SHALLOW SEAMS
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CURRENTLY BEING MINED AND PROJECTIONS FOR MINING DEEPER

UNDERLYING SEAMS. KNOWLEDGE OF FRG EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD
CONSIDERED GENUINE SOURCE OF VALUE TO MESA IN PROGRAM
DEVELOPMENT.

4. REQUEST EMB APPROACH WALTER SCHNASE, BUNDMINISTERIUM FUR
WIRTSCHAFT UND FINANZEN, REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF HIS PREPARING
ITINERARY FOR STUDY TEAM VISIT FOR TEN(10 DAYS IN EARLY JULY.
EMB MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO SCHNASE THAT TEAM WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN SEEING SOME OF SAME PLACES (JACOBI, WALSUM)
VISITED BY UGMR DUST PANEL TEAMS IN 1969 AND 1972. PLEASE
ADVISE OF SCHNASE'S REPLY.

5. LIST OF TEAM MEMBERS AND FURTHER SPECIFICS WILL FOLLOW SCHNASE'S
REPLY IF HE IS FORTHCOMING.
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